public. He therefore requested that, with a view to strengthen the position of the Government and to improve the administration of the State finances, the members of the Legislative Council might be authorised to discuss the Budget, to pass resolutions on the same and to interpellate the Government in matters financial.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

18. The necessity for a Mahomedan Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal (Member, Nominated) said that the Mahomedans formed an important section of the subjects of the State, that a Mahomedan Member in the Legislative Council was a desideratum and that the absence of such a member was a source of constant apprehension to his community, lest the Government should enact any law affecting the community without sufficient expert advice. He therefore strongly urged the appointment of a Mahomedan Member in the Council who was proficient in Arabic and Malayalam and that, in the light of the above proficiency, a knowledge of English need not be insisted on as a necessary qualification so far as the Mahomedan Member was concerned.

Mr. Ibrahim Pillai Sayyid Mahomed (Member, Nominated) fully supported Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal in his request for nominating a member to the Legislative Council to represent the Mahomedan community and said that he had nothing to add to what that member had already stated.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

19. The necessity for a Jenmi Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Iravithayar Pandarathil (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) said that, ever since the institution of the Popular Assembly, the Jenmi members had been representing the necessity for appointing a Jenmi Member on the Legislative Council and the Government reply was that the request would be considered. As the landed proprietors of the State, the interests of the jenmies were entitled to the first consideration. In the present condition of education among them, it might not be possible to find a suitable person who also possessed sufficient knowledge of English, and if the Government should consider that as a necessary condition for a membership, he suggested that an English-knowing gentleman from another community, elected by the jenmies, might be appointed as a member of the Council to represent their interests. He prayed that the request might receive the early and sympathetic consideration of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P. M.

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